



**El Paso Police Department**



**2017 Annual Report**





# El Paso, Texas

The City of El Paso lies on the western corner of the state where Texas, Mexico and New Mexico meet. As of 2017, the population is estimated at 700,000. El Paso shares four border crossings with neighboring Mexico. El Paso has a strong international commerce. El Paso also offers a diverse and rich culture, full of history and pride. It is home to the University of Texas at El Paso, Southwest University Park, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. El Paso has a strong military community with Fort Bliss, which is one of the largest military facilities of the United States Army. El Paso is known as the “Sun City” because the sun shines approximately 300 days a year.



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# CITY OF EL PASO

## Mission

Deliver outstanding service to support a high quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

## Vision

El Paso will have safe and beautiful neighborhoods, a vibrant regional economy, and exceptional recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities.

## Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



# EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Mission

It is the mission of the El Paso Police Department to provide services with integrity and dedication, to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City of El Paso

## Our Values

We respect life...

We revere the truth...

We enforce the law...

We seek community partnership...

We honor our police powers...

We conduct ourselves with dignity...



# Message from the Chief

The El Paso Police Department is a unique entity, which I am very proud to be a part of. This year we continued to focus on our top priorities of reducing Part 1 crimes, improving response times, and addressing traffic safety concerns. EPPD continues to fulfill our mission “to preserve life, to enforce the law, and to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City of El Paso.” A great deal of this accomplishment is because we have a department who is invested in this community. We are each other’s neighbors, friends, and family. The department works alongside of community members, businesses, and civic organizations to ensure a greater quality of life for residents and visitors.

The roles of our police officers stretch beyond that of a conventional job to encompass what it truly takes to have a safe city. Our officers are passionate, dedicated and compassionate all while fulfilling their duties. Once again, El Paso was ranked amongst the safest cities, despite the shortage in officers and the growing population to our area. Every El Paso citizen should be proud of this accomplishment. I am committed to continuing this partnership with our citizens, and I keep the safety of all persons in the City of El Paso a top priority. Together, we celebrate our many successes and honor the memory of those who have made great sacrifices. Unity and fortitude are necessary when facing our ever-changing society. In 2018, I look forward to serving El Paso and its residents, for there is no greater privilege than serving the City of El Paso.

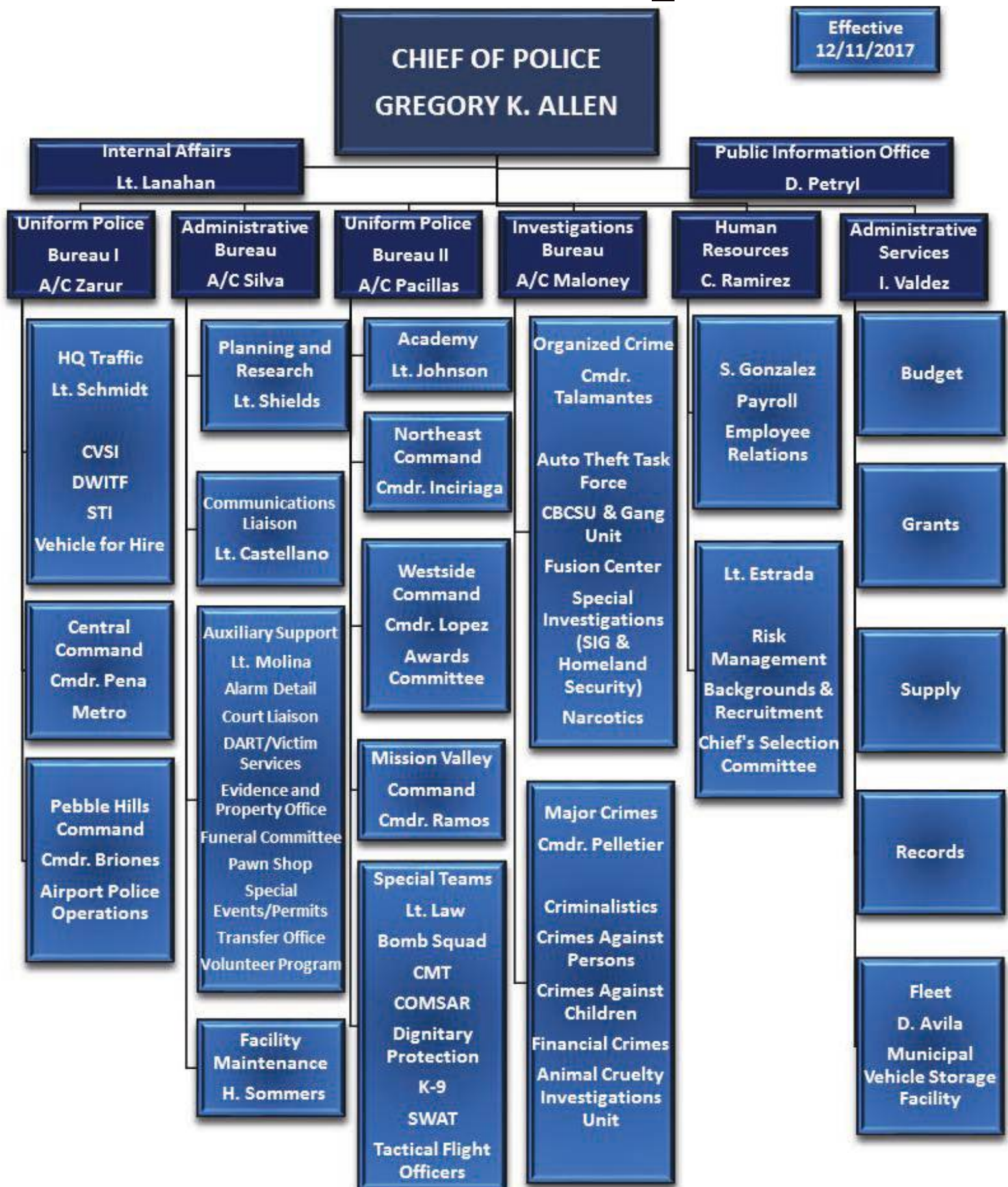
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Gregory K. Allen

Chief of Police



# El Paso Police Department

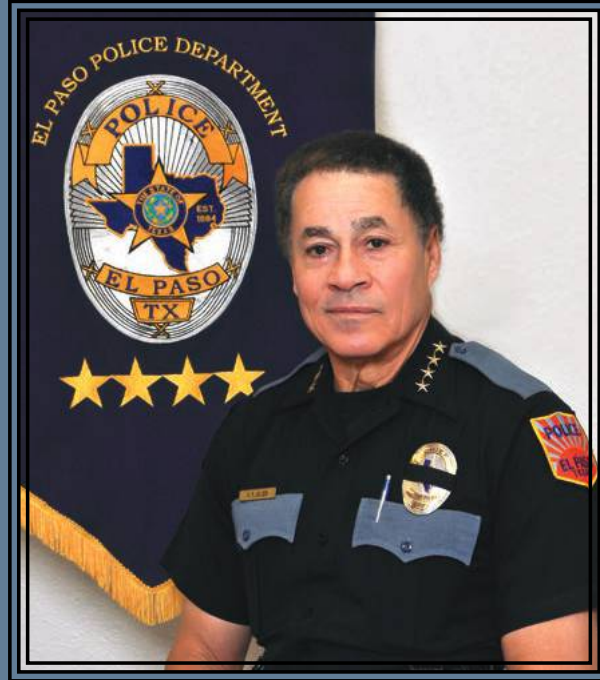




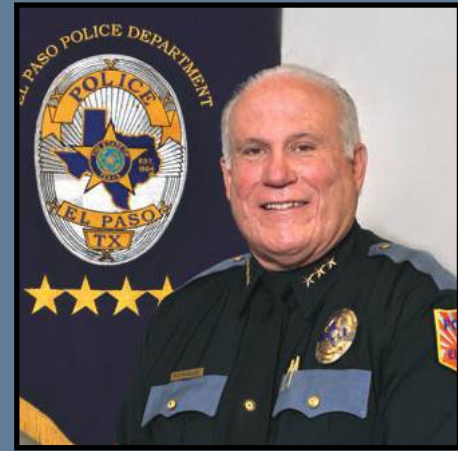
# Executive Staff



**Patrick Maloney**  
Assistant Chief  
Investigations Bureau



**Gregory K. Allen**  
Chief of Police



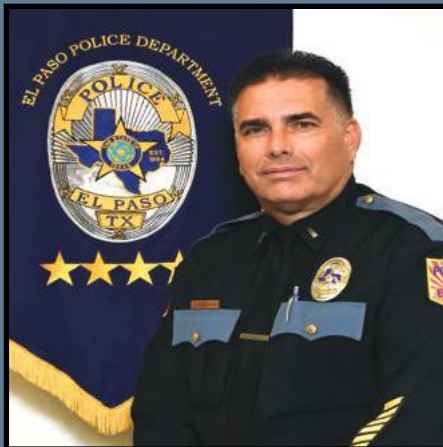
**Peter Pacillas**  
Assistant Chief  
Uniform Police Services II



**Victor Zarur**  
Assistant Chief  
Uniform Police Services I



**Zina Silva**  
Assistant Chief  
Administrative Bureau



**John H. Lanahan III**  
Lieutenant  
Internal Affairs



**Carlos Ramirez**  
Human Resources



**Isaura Valdez**  
Administrative Services



# Command Staff



**Julia Inciriaga**  
Commander  
Northeast



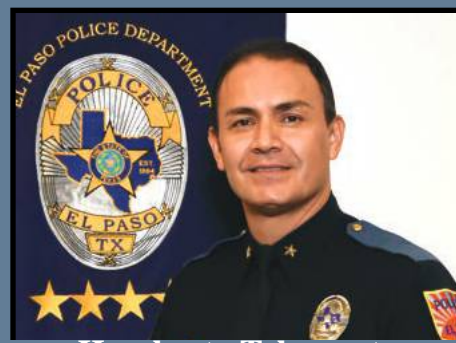
**Roberto Ramos**  
Commander  
Mission Valley



**Steve Lopez**  
Commander  
West Side



**Juan Briones**  
Commander  
Pebble Hills



**Humberto Talamantes**  
Commander  
Organized Crime



**Thomas Peña**  
Commander  
Central



**Patrick Pelletier**  
Commander  
Criminal Investigations



**Jason D. Johnson**  
Lieutenant  
Training Academy



**Steven Schmidt**  
Lieutenant  
HQ Traffic



**Linda Molina**  
Lieutenant  
Auxiliary Support



**Richard Castellano**  
Lieutenant  
Communications



**Tonya Shields**  
Lieutenant  
Planning and Research

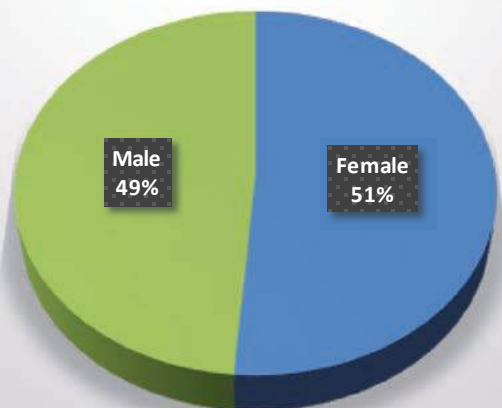
\*Not pictured Lieutenant Ken Law, Special Teams

# El Paso Quick Facts

EPPD Established	1884
EPPD Budget	\$131,318,394
Total Calls for Service	367,707

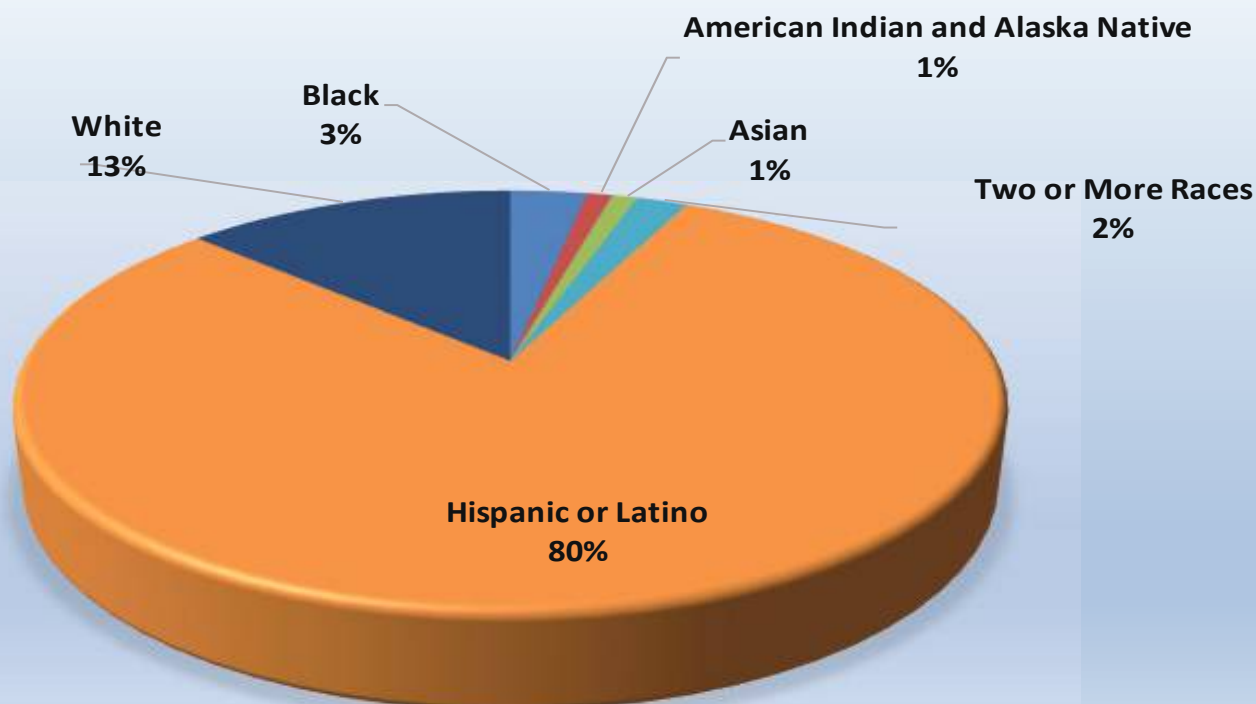


City Demographics by Gender



City Founded	1680
City Incorporated	1873
Census Population	683,577
Square Miles	255.24

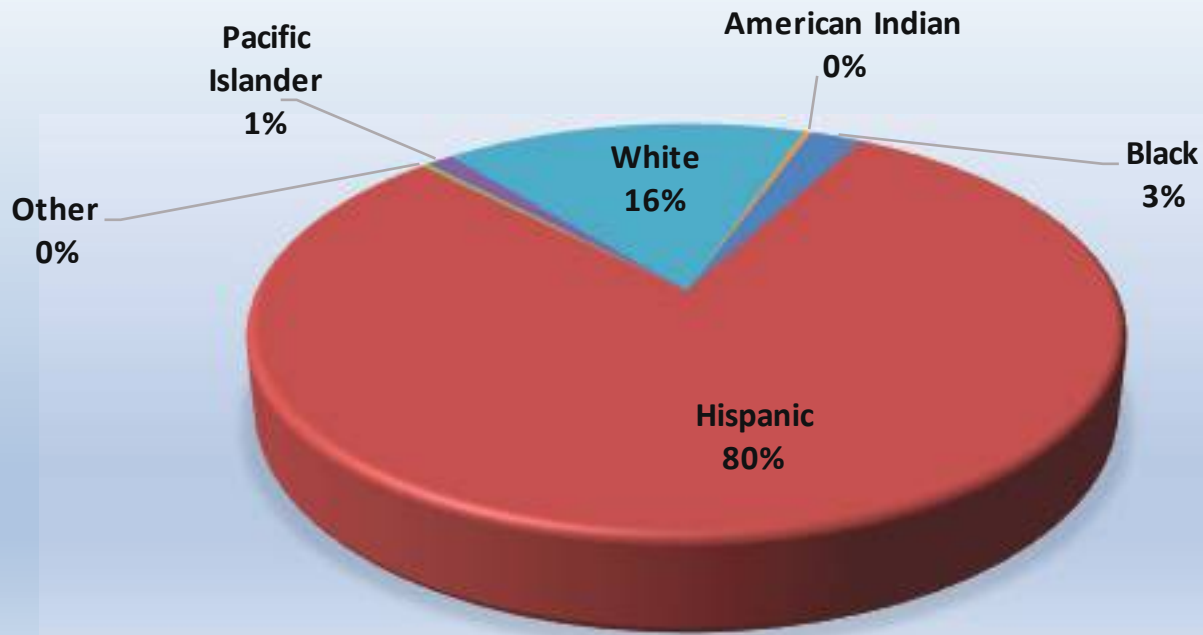
CITY DEMOGRAPHICS BY ETHNICITY/RACE





# EPPD Quick Facts

## SWORN DEMOGRAPHIC BY ETHNICITY/RACE

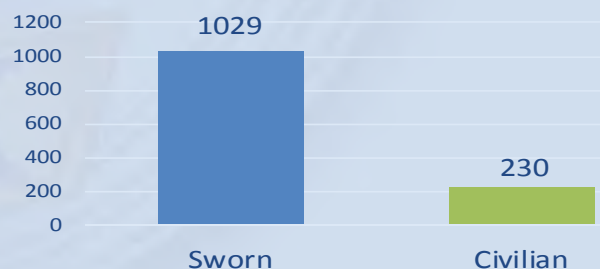


Rank	Numbers
Chief	1
Assistant Chiefs	4
Commanders	7
Lieutenants	42
Sergeants	129
Detectives	163
Officers	683

### SWORN BY GENDER



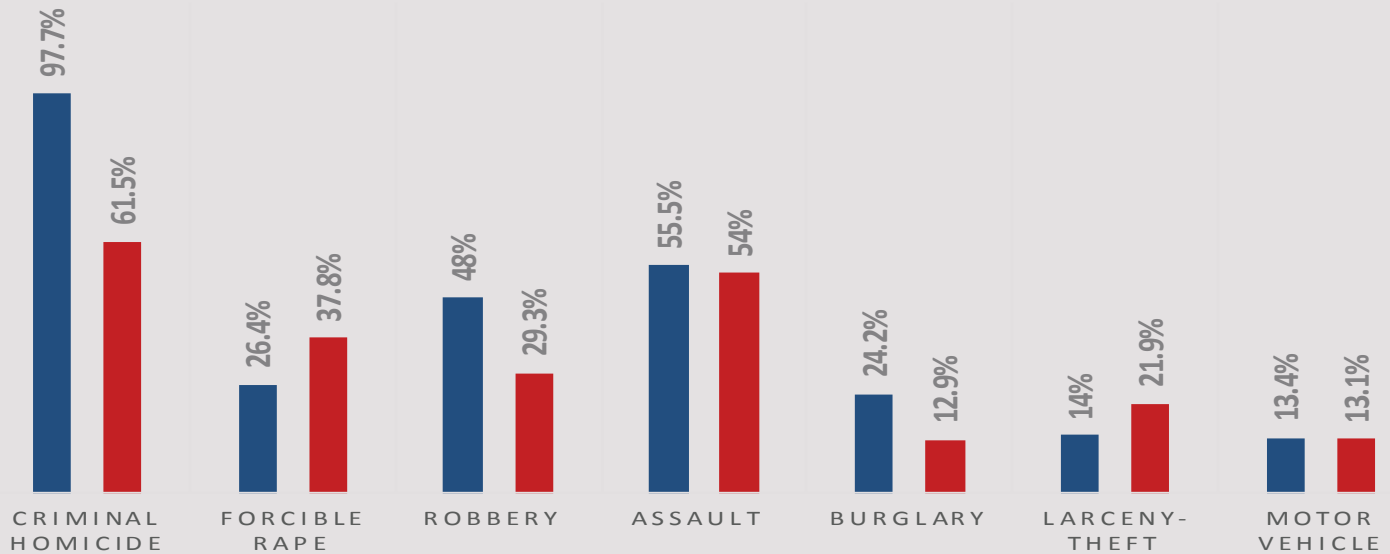
### STAFFING



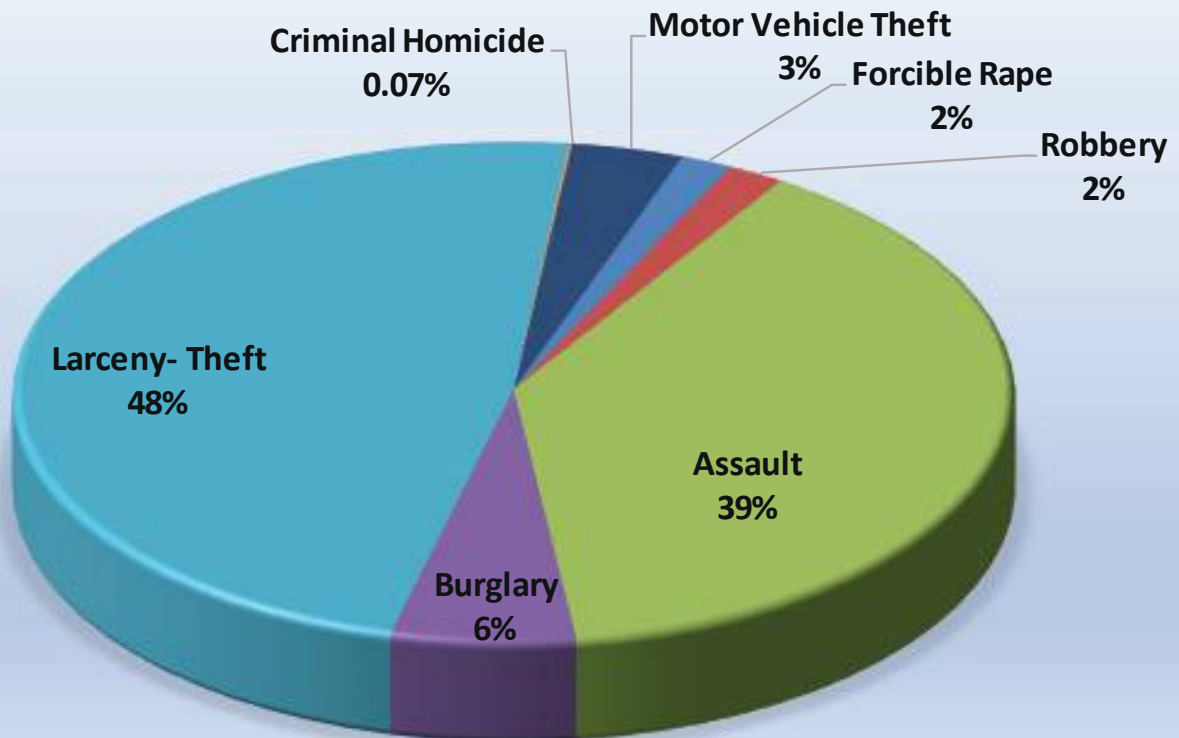
# 2017 Part One Crimes

## PART ONE CLEARANCE RATES

■ EPPD ■ National per FBI UCR



## 2017 PART ONE CRIMES



Population of El Paso: 680,273 \*\*\*Crime Rate= (Total crime/pop) \* 100,000

Sources: (RMS/Local)////(I-Leads-I-Mars) UCR Guidelines implemented to measure crime

\*Burglary Vehicle included in the "Total" (As a component of Larceny)

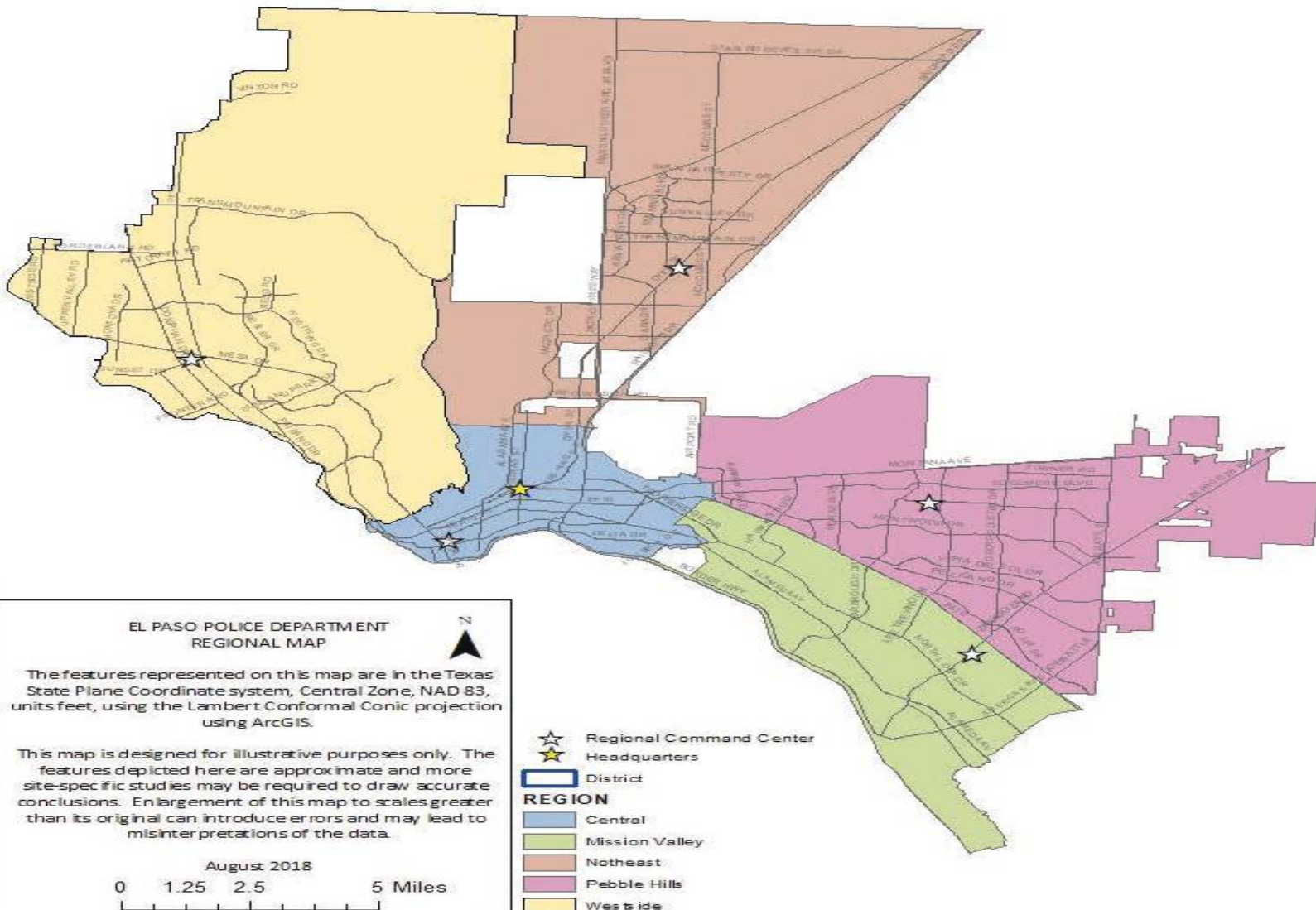
Note: Unfounded cases have been excluded Variations possible due to dynamic changes in ILEADS



# El Paso Police Department Regional Command Centers



## El Paso Police Department Region Map



# Central Regional Command



200 S. Campbell

El Paso, TX, 79901

(915) 212-0210

Officers/Civilians: 183 Sworn / 18 Civilian

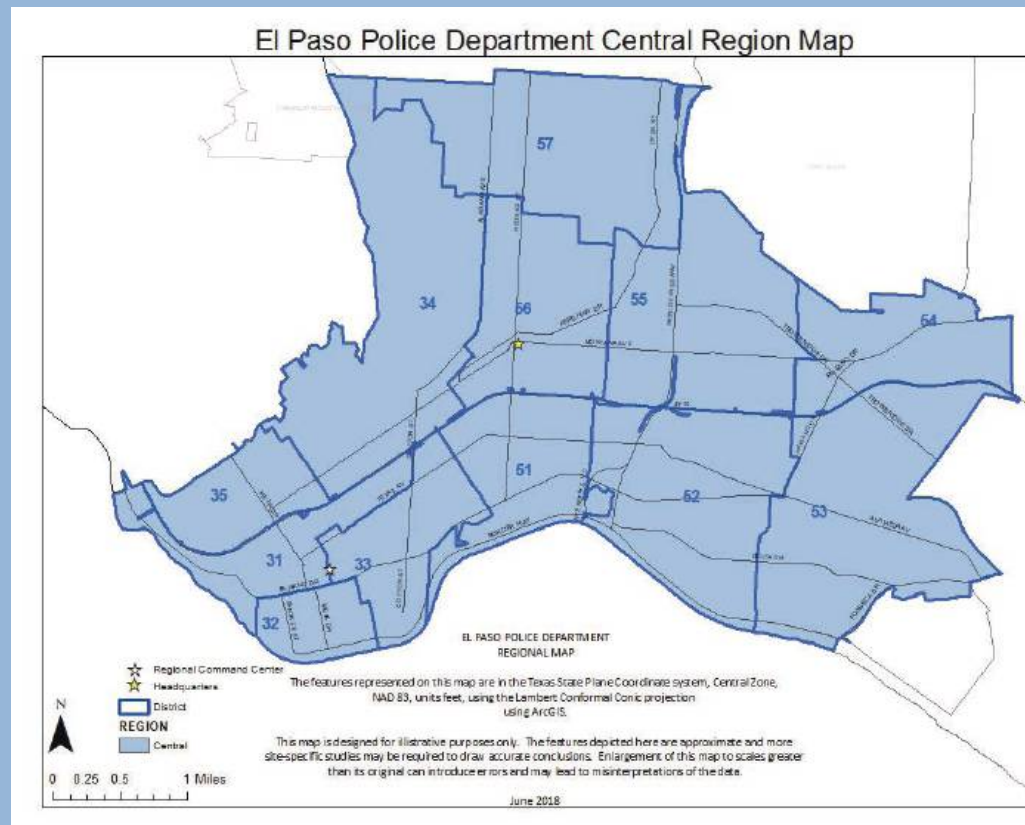
Size: 17.15 Square Miles

Population: 87,084

The Central Regional Command Center (CRCC) is located in the heart of downtown El Paso. Within its boundaries are three of the four international U.S./Mexico ports of entry and the downtown business districts. The officers, detectives and civilians of the command serve approximately 123,000 residents which include the daily influx of citizens and visitors who work or shop in the area on a daily basis.

Annually, CRCC has been involved with the majority of large events for our city. During the year, officers of CRCC secured the Thanksgiving Day Parade, El Paso Marathon, Lighting of the Christmas Tree Parade, the Veterans Day Parade, Music under the Stars and numerous City co-sponsored events. The Central Regional Command has seen an increase in vehicle and pedestrian congestion within the downtown area due to the infrastructure reconstruction of Loop 375 (Cesar Chavez Highway) and the El Paso Streetcar project. Officers strive to keep the region safe with traffic enforcement and increased visibility with the downtown bike units. The central area continued to see a reduction in crime and can attribute this reduction to the cooperation of the citizens of the region and aggressive crime reduction initiatives of officers and detectives. Continued maintenance of community and business partnerships – such as the Downtown Management District and the Central Business Association as well as other community and law enforcement agencies, are the primary objectives for the region to ensure another successful year.

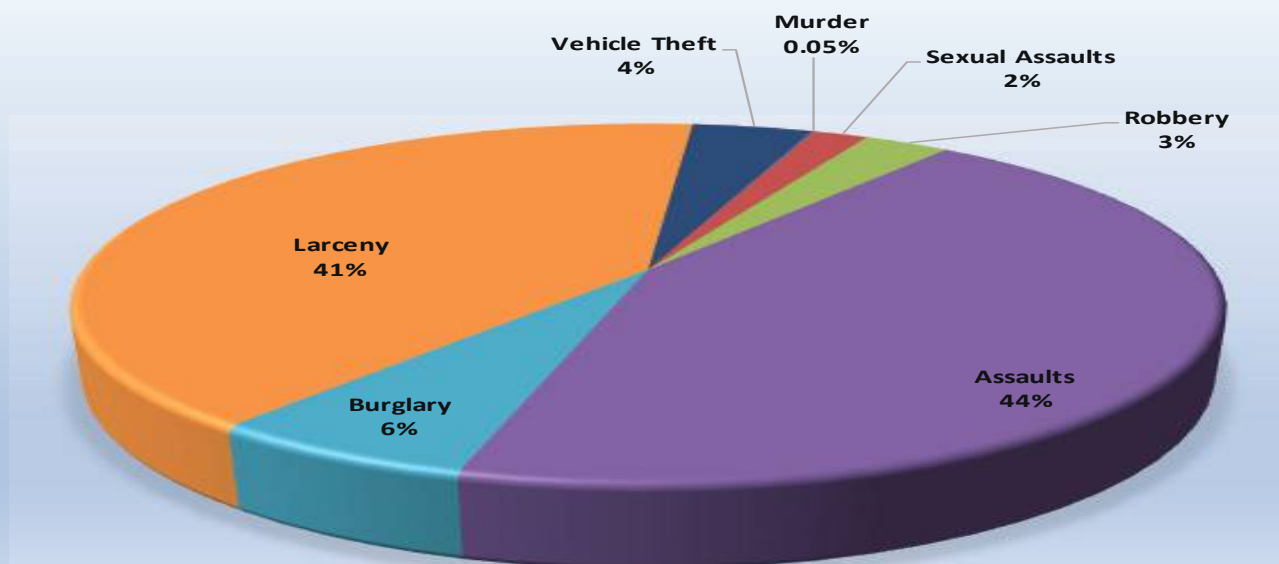
This safe environment has assisted the City of El Paso in the continuing additions to the downtown area and community development, which has involved many more downtown events. In turn, this brings in tourism monies and buildings, remodeling and occupancy of the downtown hotels. A goal of any police department is voluntary compliance to improve public safety, whether it is a traffic violation, criminal activity, or quality of life issues, which affect our city. This has been demonstrated consistently year after year with a citywide decrease in crime. This success can be attributed mainly to the exceptional cooperation of citizens and the El Paso Police Department, as we could not hope to control such a vast area without the distinguished citizens in our community taking responsibility for their businesses and neighborhoods.







### CCRC 2017 PART ONE CRIMES



# Mission Valley Regional Command



9011 Escobar Dr.

El Paso, TX 79907

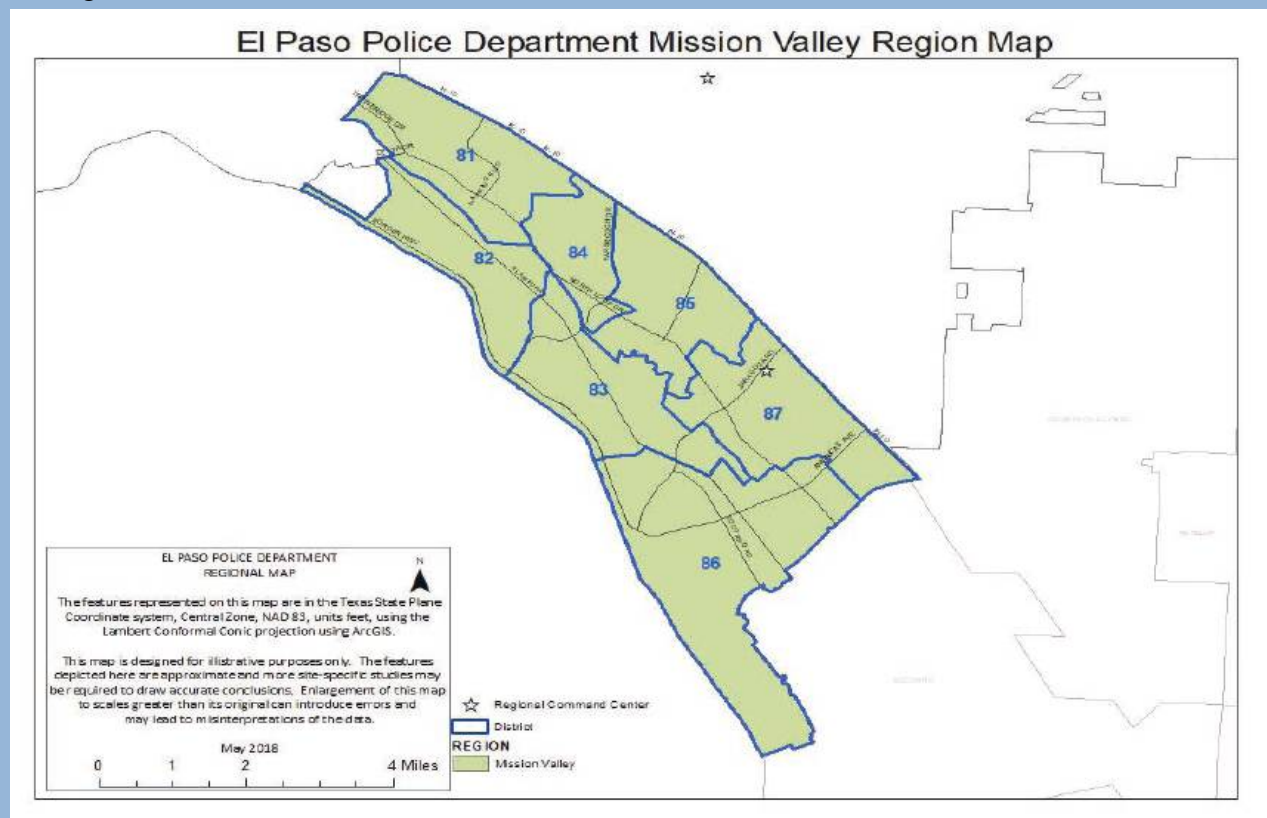
(915) 212-0400

Officers/Civilians: 105 Sworn / 5 Civilian

Size: 29.73 Square Miles

Population: 101,374

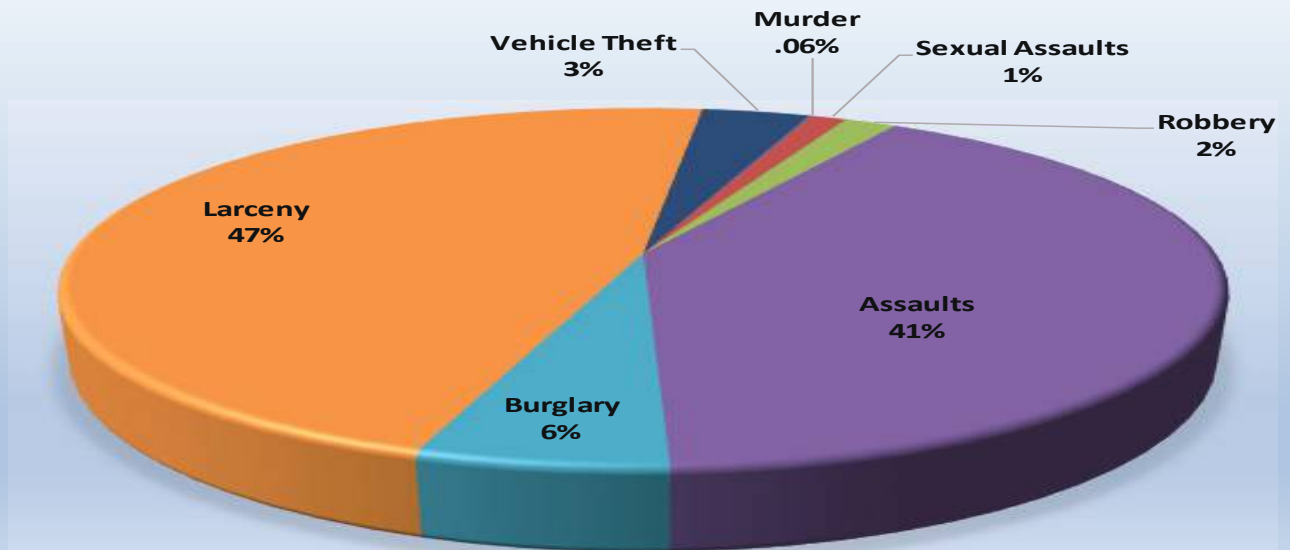
The Mission Valley Regional Command Center (MVRCC) successfully completed another year with a low crime rate. For this, we thank the community, the officers, the detectives, and civilians for helping us maintain safe neighborhoods. Throughout 2017, our officers/detectives demonstrated a strong work ethic and a high quality of service with outstanding arrests and consistency in conducting superior preliminary investigations, while showing compassion and kindness to victims of crime. This accomplishment included day shift and evening patrol who covered the busiest portions of the day, responding to a large volume of calls for service, and still engaged with the community by attending community meetings, visiting convenience stores and patrolling the area. Graveyard shift officers also maintained dutiful and outstanding performance handling a high volume of calls during the night hours, while the MVRCC CID/TAC and Special Operations continued to produce results with outstanding investigations and arrests through teamwork and proactive enforcement. The MVRCC proudly continues to serve our community and we look forward to continued efforts and making a difference in 2018 by increasing our numbers in Neighborhood Watch Programs and the Citizens Advisory Board members, and by continuing our commitment to the community policing philosophy in addressing crime in the region.



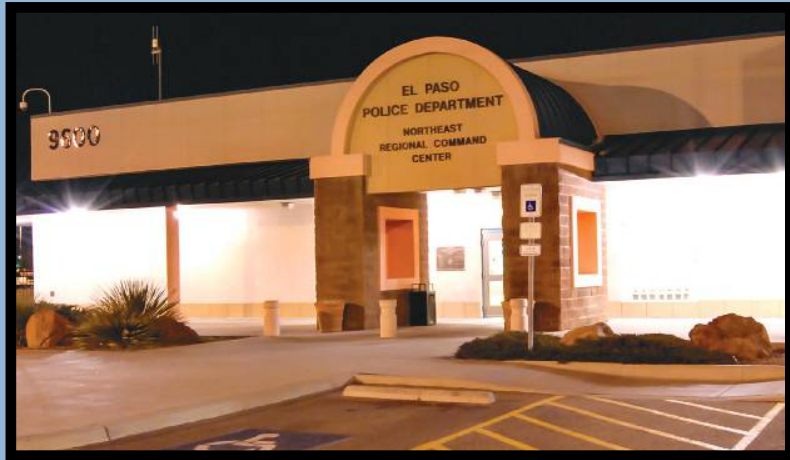




### MVRC 2017 PART ONE CRIMES



# Northeast Regional Command



9600 Dyer Street

El Paso, TX 79924

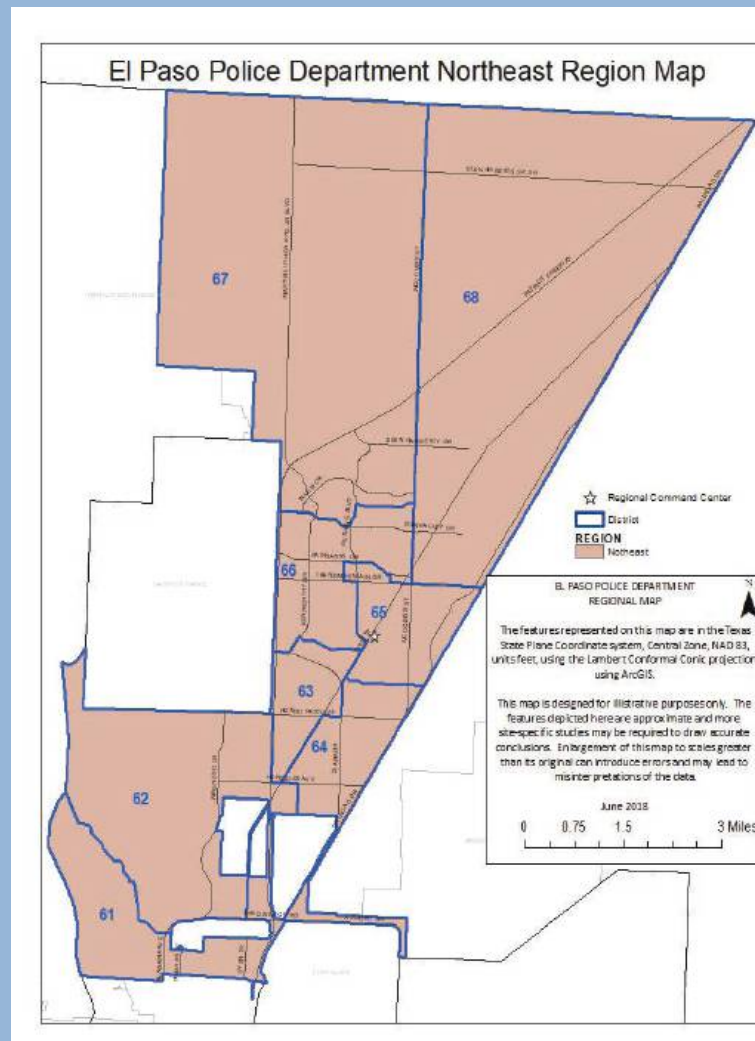
(915) 212-8100

Officers/Civilians: 119 Sworn / 5 Civilian

Size: 63.6 Square Miles

Population: 129,964

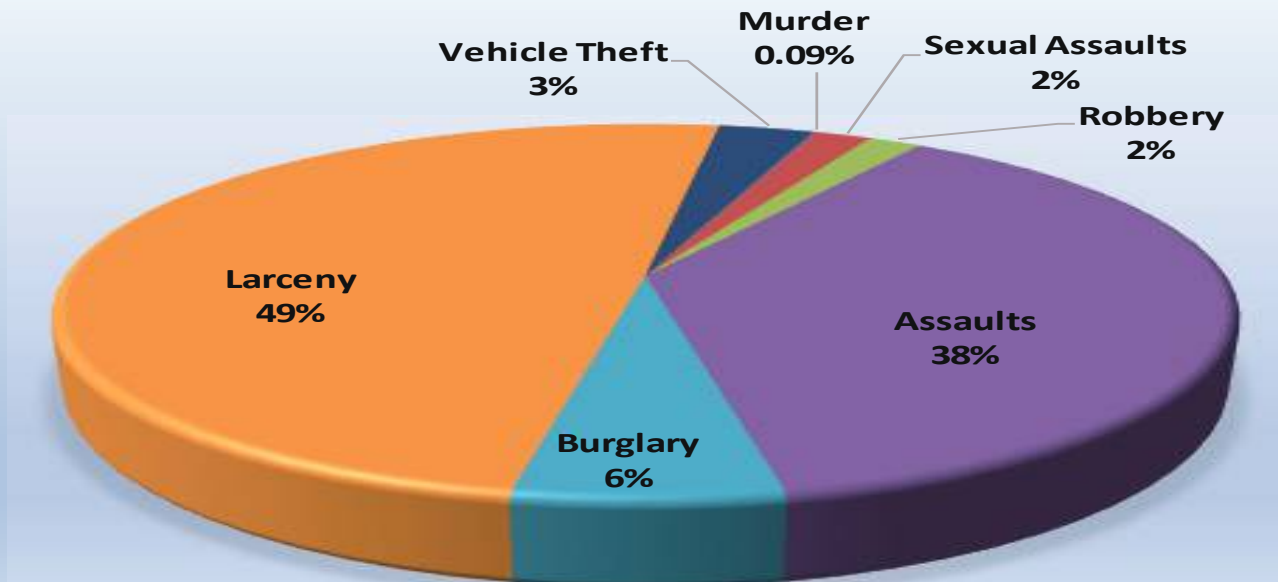
The Northeast Regional Command Center (NERCC) is the El Paso Police Department's substation serving the Northeast area of the City of El Paso. It is home to a diverse population of El Paso residents and businesses, Fort Bliss members and their families, and visitors. Our goal is to provide police services with the highest quality of customer service. Much like the rest of the city, Northeast is experiencing a growth boost, to include residential and business areas. Despite the growth, we strive to deliver the best services possible to include traffic enforcement, community policing and partnerships, investigations and proactive patrol. The officers are supported by an excellent civilian staff who oversee station operations, vehicle and equipment maintenance and office management.







### NERC 2017 PART ONE CRIMES



# Pebble Hills Regional Command



10780 Pebble Hills Blvd.

El Paso, TX 79935

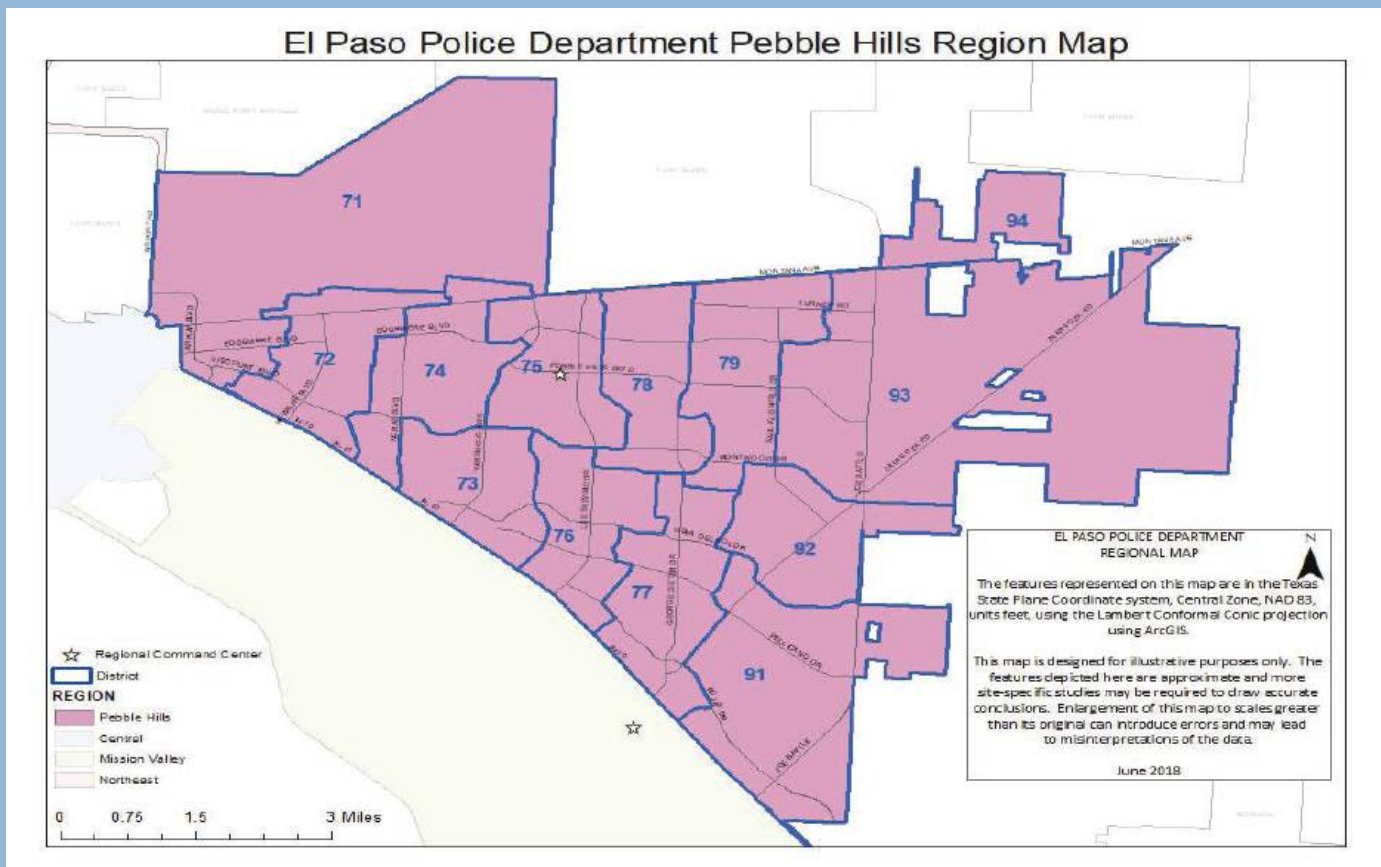
(915) 212-0190

Officers/Civilians: 176 Sworn / 7 Civilian

Size: 54.58 Square Miles

Population: 227,482

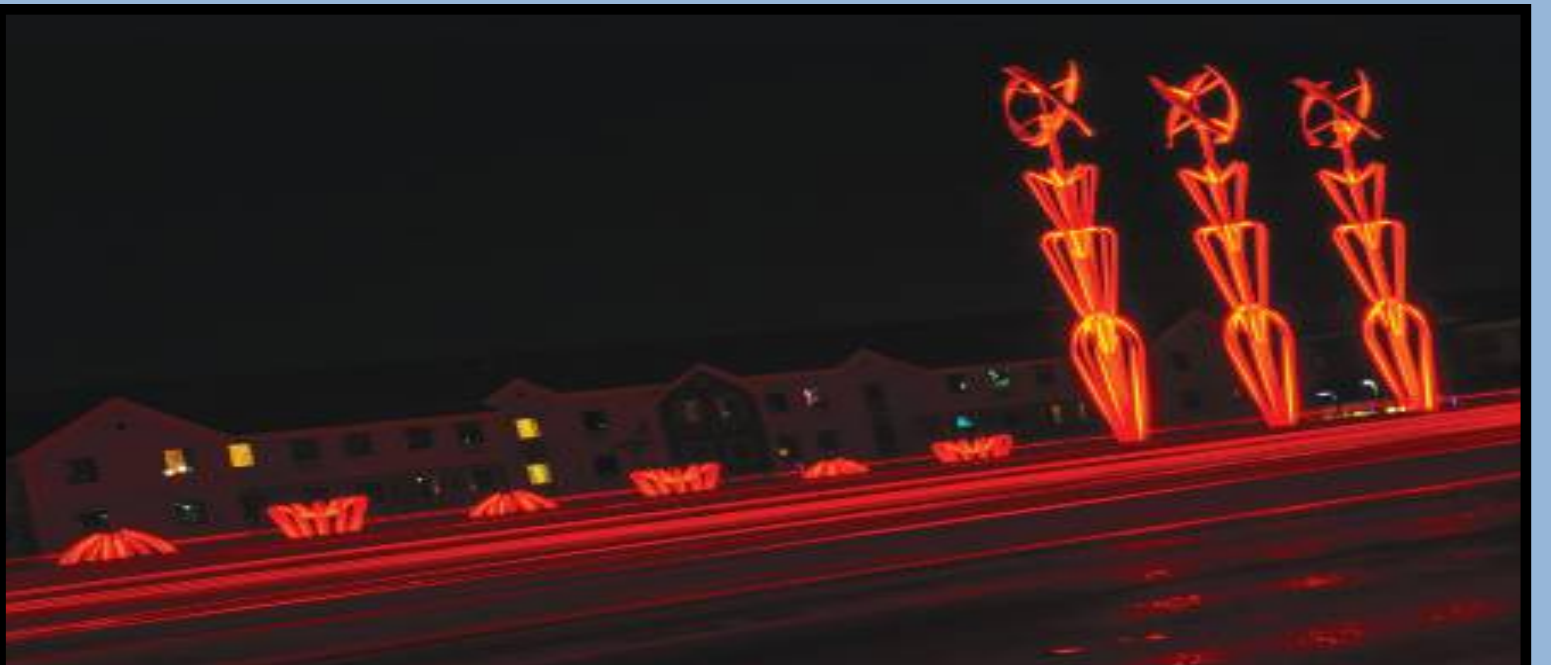
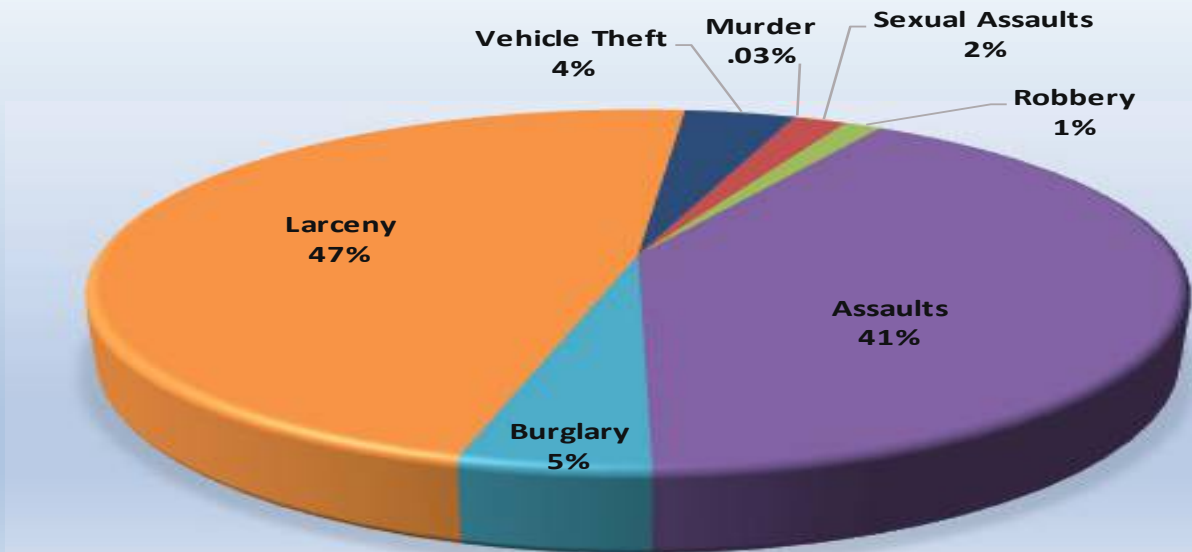
The Pebble Hills Regional Command (PHRC) provides service to East El Paso, which is the largest populated area in the city. As the community continues to grow, so does residential neighborhoods and businesses, and that has challenged the region with crime and other related incidents that call for police services. In 2017, Pebble Hills Regional Command faced some headwinds. As academies were canceled or put on hold in the past, attrition began to weigh in on staffing levels that affected service to citizens and crime. For several years, the region experienced decrease in Part One crimes; however, it leveled-off and crime was beginning to increase slowly. Officers, detectives, supervisors, and civilians performed exceptionally well under the said constraints and circumstances that did not deter their resilience in combating crime and helping their community and others. With the ever-increasing growth in population and residential neighborhood and businesses, the challenge is to meet the demands of the Citizens of El Paso while securing their safety and welfare.







## PHRC 2017 PART ONE CRIMES



# Westside Regional Command



4801 Osborne Sr.

El Paso, TX 79922

(915) 212-8539

Officers/Civilians: 101 Sworn / 5 Civilian

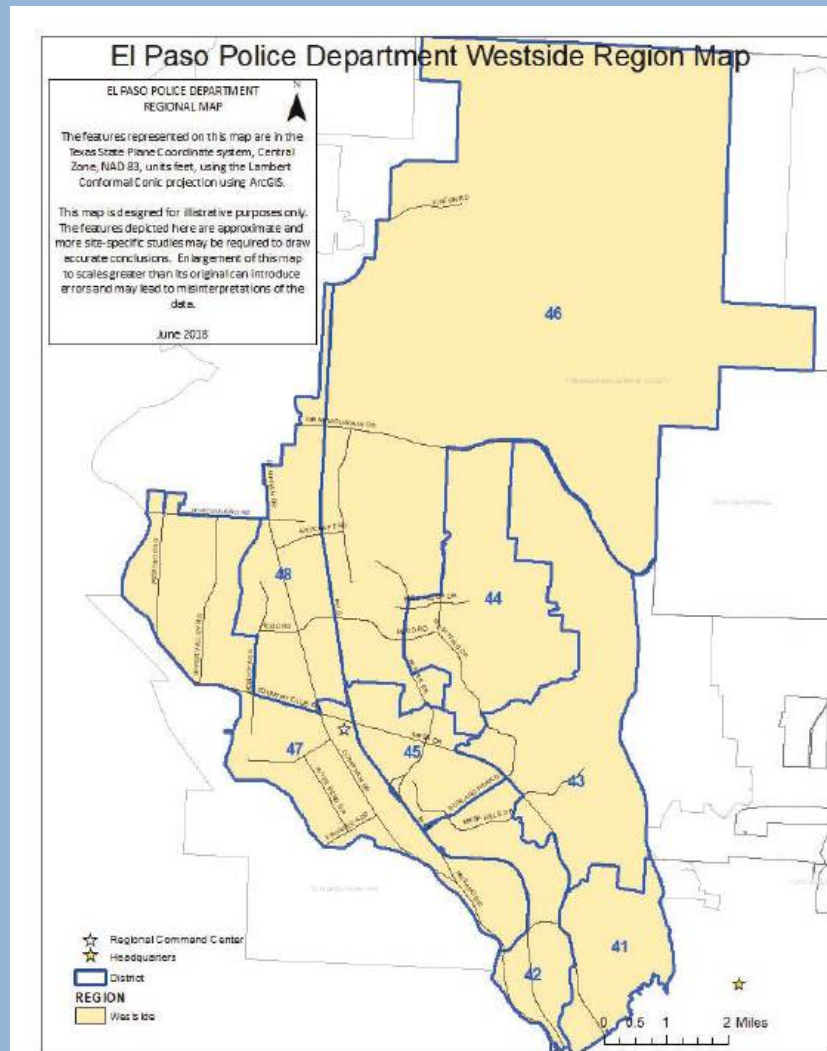
Size: 91.34 Square Miles

Population: 137,673

The Westside Regional Command Center (WRCC) experienced an increase in population, businesses and a residential boom. The Westside region now accounts for the second largest population base in the city and leads the city in business and residential startups. The Westside region is also home to 60% of all interstate construction projects. Once completed in 2020, the westside will be transformed into a major transportation hub, becoming a significant business and residential destination.

All members of the Westside Regional Command center worked as a team in 2017 as evidenced by the accolades bestowed upon some of its members. In 2017, the Westside Regional Command Center claimed the Unit of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Officer of the Year and the Civilian of the Year awards. The men and women assigned to the Westside Regional Command Center remain steadfast in their dedication and commitment to the citizens of El Paso.

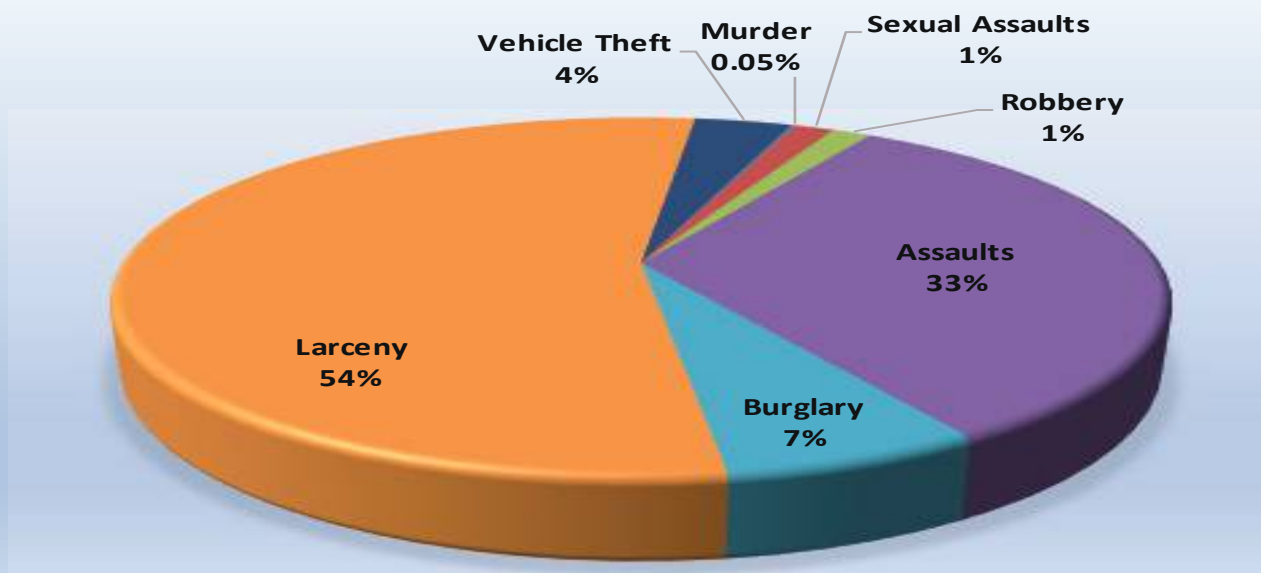
Part 1 offenses affecting the Westside Regional Command Center were greatly reduced through effective investigative efforts and focused attention on developing crime patterns. By utilizing Directed Patrol, and by utilizing the Broken Windows philosophy, the officers and civilian staff assigned to the Westside Regional Command Center were successful in maintaining successful community policing efforts throughout the region while deterring criminal activity. All units and sections of the Westside Regional Command Center adhere to the mission of delivering outstanding services to support a high quality of life for residents, business and visitors.







### WSRC 2017 PART ONE CRIMES



# New Horizons



In 2017 the El Paso Police Department began its participation on the A&E's show, "Live PD". El Paso Police Department was first featured on the show on October 3, 2017. Live PD consist of video crews riding alongside El Paso's finest as they go on their tour of duty. Participation on the show brought a public awareness to the type of work, persons and risks that officers have to contend with on a daily basis. The show has featured officers in high-risk shots fired calls, execution of arrest warrants, SWAT calls, vehicle and foot pursuits, and calls dealing with persons in mental crisis.



# New Perspectives



# New Unit Created



Pictured from left to right, Det. Michael Vaughan, Sgt. Sandra Zamudio, Det. Susan Kislenger, Det. Vanessa Acosta, Det. Estela Roberts, and Off. Arturo Gutierrez.

## Animal Cruelty Investigations Unit

Effective November 6, 2017, the Mission Valley Region is now home to the newly created Animal Cruelty Investigations Unit, which is comprised of one sergeant, four detectives, and one officer. Section 42.09 of the Texas Penal Code states “Cruelty to Livestock Animals” and 42.092 “Cruelty of Non-Livestock Animals” of the Texas Penal Code prohibits a person from intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cruelly treating an animal. The unit will be handling the city’s rising need for addressing animal cruelty cases, presenting them to the courts and bringing justice for these animals that have no voice.

After the implementation of the unit, there were 37 animal cruelty cases report in the first 2 months (Nov 6, 2018 –December 31, 2018).





# Community Policing

## Northeast Community Fair

The El Paso Police Department's Northeast Regional Command Center hosted a community fair at Cohen Stadium in August 2017. The fair offered free medical screening, entertainment and vendors. The fair is a community-building campaign that promotes police and emergency services personnel partnerships with communities and promotes neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.



## Citizen Recognition

In an effort to strengthen community involvement, the El Paso Police Department honored an exceptional child in December. The CAC section was advised of a young girl named Kaylee Castillo, who had been collecting teddy bears for Christmas. Her objective was to provide teddy bears to disadvantage children. Kaylee raised money and collected over 200 teddy bears to give to the Child Crisis Center, Children's Advocacy Center and local hospitals. On December 21, 2017 the CAC section honored this young child and surprised her with several gifts for Christmas. Attendees included Commander Pelletier and Chief Maloney.

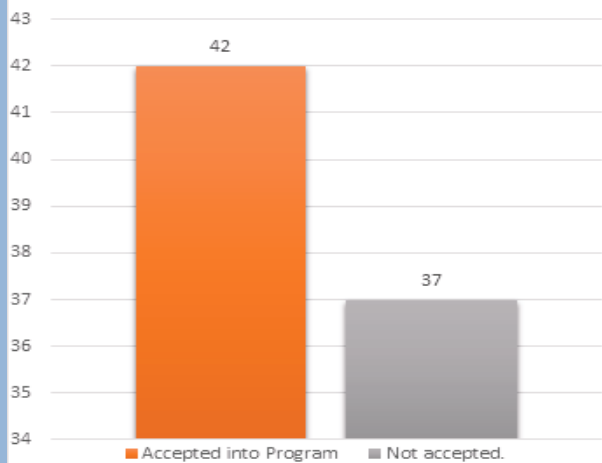


# District Attorney's First Chance Program

The El Paso Police Department, the El Paso Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's office in conjunction with the Council of Judges worked together to create the First Chance Program. The First Chance Program is a diversion program offered by the El Paso District Attorney's Office to first-time offenders who are caught with marijuana.



**First Chance Program**



The First Chance Program went into effect on December 10, 2017. The program allows people who are solely caught with four ounces or less of marijuana, and have no prior criminal record, to participate in community service and pay a fine, instead of being arrested and charged with a class B or class A misdemeanor. From the start of the program in December 10, 2017 to December 31, 2017, there were 79 Arrests for Possession of Marijuana under 4 ounces. From the 79 arrests, 42 were accepted into the program.

## Social Host Ordinance

The El Paso Police Department, Health department, City of El Paso's legal department, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, YMCA's Shift Positive, and the Alcohol Impact Network worked together to create the state's first Social Host Ordinance. On June 6, 2017 the Social Host Accountability Ordinance went into effect. The ordinance aims to reduce underage drinking and augments current Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TACB) laws already in place by imposing a civil penalty on violators. The person(s) allowing gatherings "where alcohol is consumed by, served to or in the possession of underage persons" may be issued a Notice of Violation which can carry up to a \$1,000 civil penalty. Since the start of the enforcement to December 31, 2017, there were 18 cases.



# 911 Communications Center



On October 2017, the operations at the El Paso 911 Communications center went live as a multi-purpose, multi-agency building that houses various public safety departments. The El Paso Police Department relies on 911 call takers and dispatchers for their field officers and critical operational support. The sprawling complex contains the El Paso Fusion Center, as well as the communications units of the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, the Office of Emergency Management, and various training facilities, with state of the art technology. It was designed with great attention to progressive innovations in order to promote the standards of improved communications and increased public safety response to El Paso.

One mission of the communications center is to combine all elements needed to handle community emergencies. The extensive Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system is used by 38+ agencies, which allows for timely and accurate incident reporting to improve response times and ensure thoroughness of the application of industry best practices. Inter-agency cooperation of communications at such a high level is unique to Texas and the United States as a whole. The facility itself was designed to maximize the performance and well-being of the employees. This design includes several specialty rooms, including a quiet room, private gym, computer training center, conference rooms, specially designed server rooms, and a large warehouse. The main dispatching area includes state of the art equipment ranging from special lighting, state of the art computers, ergonomically designed dispatching stations, and a carefully plotted floor plan, all of which are intended to improve the functionality of the department and provide for the comfort of the employees. The design also includes plenty of room for growth and change in order to accommodate the anticipated needs of the region.





# 2017 Crime Victims' Memorial

During the week of April 2-8, 2017, communities across the United States observed National Crime Victims' Rights Week. In 2017, the theme was "Strength. Resilience. Justice." El Paso Police joined several area departments, community organizations and the El Paso County District Attorney's Office in observance National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This event is held each April for victims of crime. Crime Victims' Rights Week activities are intended to engage the community and raise awareness of the rights and interests of crime victims. El Paso citizens who lost their lives as a result of a violent crime are honored at the annual memorial, where their names are engraved on a giant marble circle. Their names are read aloud while first responders ring a bell.

The ceremony shines a light on crime victims whose lives have been shattered as a result of crime. Every loss still pains our community and those victims will never be forgotten. As of 2017, there were 1,596 names engraved on the Crime Victims' Memorial Wall.

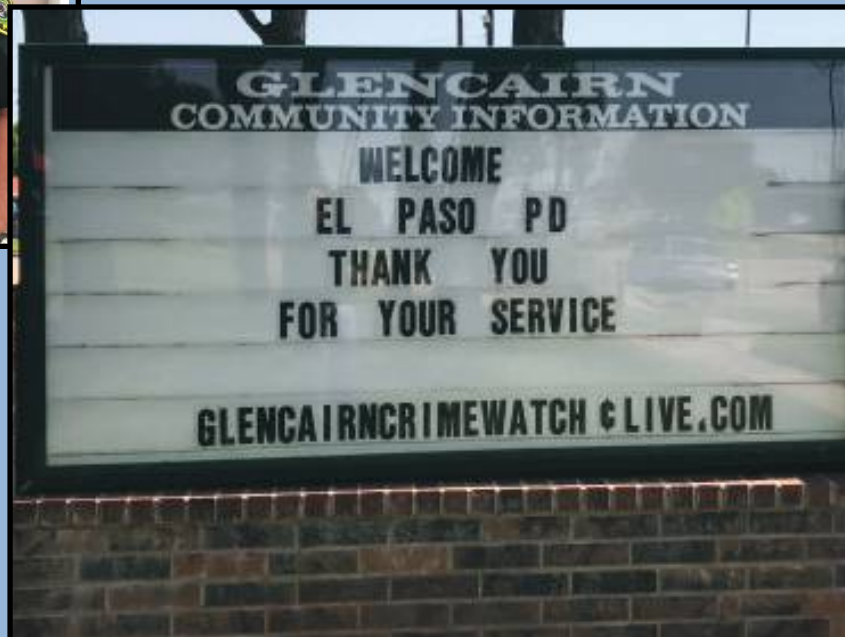


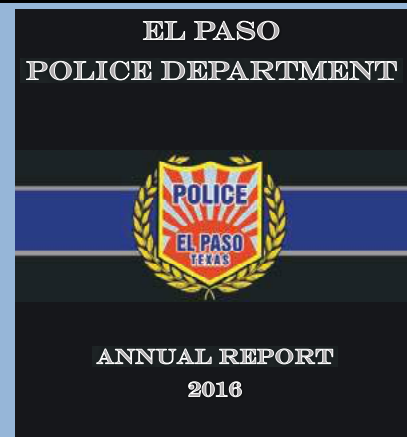
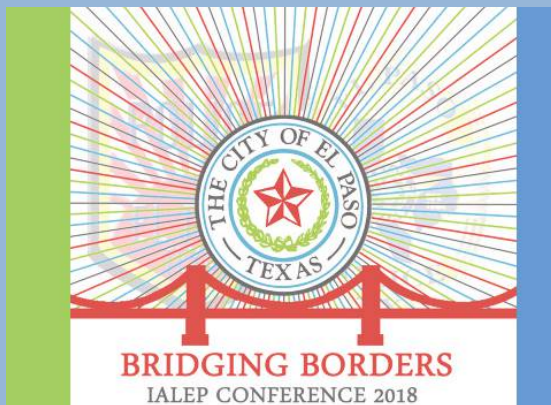


# Hurricane Harvey



In August 2017, Houston, Texas, was afflicted by Hurricane Harvey that devastated the area with flooding and high wind damage to buildings and property. A group of thirty-nine El Paso Police Officers volunteered to help the Houston Police Department and the citizens of Houston with services, supplies and public safety. The officers were in the devastation area for 13 days. The total cost for Hurricane Harvey relief trip was \$426,750, this cost included labor, travel, equipment and material.





## 2017 International Association of Law Enforcement Planners Conference Awards and Achievement

The El Paso Police Department Planning and Research Unit submitted the 2016 Annual Report to compete against multiple law enforcement agencies. The Annual Report is a collaborative effort of various units on the department, including the Photo Lab, the Chief's Office, and each bureau and regional command. The Annual Reports were judged at the conference for the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners (IALEP), and El Paso was awarded 3rd place honors out of the entries from around the world.

At the 2017 conference, Planning and Research's Lt. Shields earned recognition as a Certified Law Enforcement Planner, a distinction which required rigorous academic achievements and a diverse portfolio of projects and accomplishments.

Also in 2017, the EPPD Planning and Research Team was awarded the honor of hosting the 2018 IALEP Annual Conference.



## Vehicle Theft Prevention Event

Steve Plummer, ATTF's Crime Prevention Manager, with the assistance of different department and agencies conducted Vehicle Theft Prevention Event at various locations throughout the City of El Paso. With auto theft being the most expensive property crime, every preventative measure taken can help decrease your chances of falling victim to an auto thief or burglar. VIN Etching is a process in which the vehicle's identification number is permanently etched into the glass of the vehicle. This makes the vehicle less valuable to a thief as it will become more difficult for a thief to sell the parts and helps assist law enforcement in the recovery of stolen vehicles and identification of "Chop Shops". In some instances, the public was also eligible for an insurance discount from their vehicle's theft coverage, depending on their insurance company. The VIN etching has an estimated \$100.00-\$300.00 value, however, offered FREE of charge by the El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force.



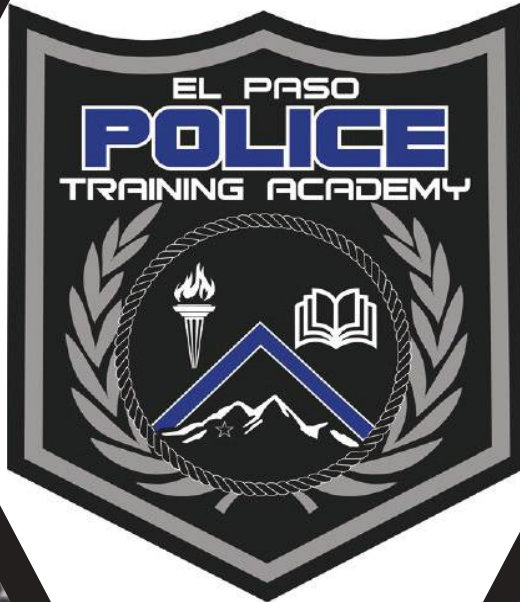
## Special Traffic Investigations (STI)

Special Traffic Investigations (STI) investigated 52 traffic fatalities in 2017 vs 64 in 2016. The El Paso Police Department prioritizes traffic safety as a major factor to achieve our mission with keeping the community safe. The El Paso Police Department's Special Services Division conducted 115 traffic presentations at local schools, citizen groups and Ft. Bliss. In accordance with our Strategic Business Plan, Goal 2, the EPPD has actively participated in the following programs/operations:

- Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
- Motor Surges
- Unified Traffic Operations between DPS and EPPD
- Operation U.P. Cares
- Traffic Presentations/Events
- DWI Surges
- Expansion of the DWI Task

	Traffic Fatalities	Alcohol Related	Speed Related	STI Call-outs
2016	64	21	20	82
2017	52	14	21	85







# The 121st Police Academy Class

*"Together we fight"*



January 22, 2017

**Congratulation to our 2017 Commission Officers**

1,888 Applied

566 passed  
written exams

340 Passed  
Physical Fitness  
Test

50  
Graduated

Aguilera, Bethel

Arras, Roberto

Avila, Ramon

Barrientos, Jose Jr

Becerra, Andres Jr

Borunda, Rodrigo

Carrillo, Charles

Castillo, Natalie

Castro, Aracely

Chacon, Joanna

Costa, Jessica

De Matias, Alejandra

Dominguez, Sergio

Figueroa, Miguel

Fowler, Spencer

Frensley, Emily

Garay, Kevin

Garcia, Gilbert

Gomez, Vicente III

Grajeda, Juan

Guereca, Julio

Han, Stephanie

Hernandez, Alyssa

Hernandez, Jacqueline

Jaramillo, David

Jurado, Edgar

Lopez, Fermin

Luna, Sandra

Macias, Amanda

Marin, Bonnie Marie

Martinez, Luis A

Mendoza, Enrique David

Modesto, Oswaldo

Montoya, Edwin

Nevarez, Nicholas

Ortiz, Samuel

Pacheco, Javier

Paoli, Paul

Pena, James

Perez, Joseph

Quezada, Carolina

Ramirez, Benito

Regalado, Jessica

Rodriguez, Aundrea

Santana, Leonel

Savedra, Janette

Sias, Gustavo

Soberanis, Ivan

Soll, Dustin

# Officers' Recognitions

Congratulations to our EPPD family members that were recognized at City Hall in 2017 for their time in service. They have stayed the course and continue to serve a department that is made better by their continued commitment.



Sgt. Patrick G. Natividad  
25 Years of Service



LT. John H. Lanahan III  
30 years of Service



Officer Sergio Garcia  
25 Years of Service



Officer Enrique Medina  
25 Years of Service



Officer Fred Arias Jr.  
30 years of Service



Officer Sarah Stokes  
25 Years of Service



# 2017 EPPD Awards

## Chief's Award

Vanessa Morales  
Alberto Hernandez  
Nathan Torres  
Jim Morgan  
Angie Morgan  
Tiffany Schneider  
Thomas Winfield McKay  
Lenzie Marie Loudder  
Rebecca Bailey Wetsel  
Ryan Robert Andrekus  
Joseph Michael Farr

## Lifesaving Award

Officer Daniel Salcido #2960 CRCC  
Officer Nelson Velazquez-Garcia #2673 CRCC  
Officer Lugardo J. Garcia #2936 CRCC  
Officer Maria D. Delgado #3085 MVRC  
Officer Raul I. Puentes-Lowry #2845 PHRC  
Officer Michael A. Carter #2968 PHRC  
Officer Erik S. Garcia #3094 PHRC  
Officer Jacob S. Serna #2881 PHRC  
Officer Luis A. Martinez #3149 PHRC  
Officer Nathan V. Daniel #3002 PHRC  
Officer Jose M. Azar #2888 PHRC  
Officer Jose M. Rivas #2985 CRCC



Officer Jose M. Rivas



Jessica Vargas



Officer Nelson Velazquez-Garcia  
Officer Lugardo J. Garcia

## Community Service Award

Officer Slade W. Davis #1496 NERC

## Officer of the Year

Officer Joshua C. Longenbaugh #2869 WSRC

## FTO of the Year

Officer Gabriel Candia #2237 PHRC

## Detective of the Year

Detective Edward J. Granados #2867 OCD

## Supervisor of the Year

Sgt. Louis C. Johnson #1850 WSRC

## Unit of the Year

Westside Regional Command - Graveyard  
Patrol

## Civilian of the Year

Araceli Mendoza C779 WSRC

## Civilian Unit of the Year

Safe Communities

## John Lanahan Award of Excellence

Officer Curtis Whitener #1487 Academy

## Meritorious Service Award

Jessica Vargas C1692 Grants



# 2017 National



2017 El Paso Police Memorial

National Police Week honors and recognizes those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The El Paso Police Department was fortunate enough to not lose any officers in 2017; nonetheless, our hearts and souls still grieves for all those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The El Paso Police Department held our Annual Police Memorial Week from May 14-20, 2017 and the Annual Police Memorial was held Friday May 19, 2017.

## Police Memorial Run



## Light the City Blue



## Police Vigil 2017





# Police Week



## Memorial 2017



### Number of Fallen Officers in 2017

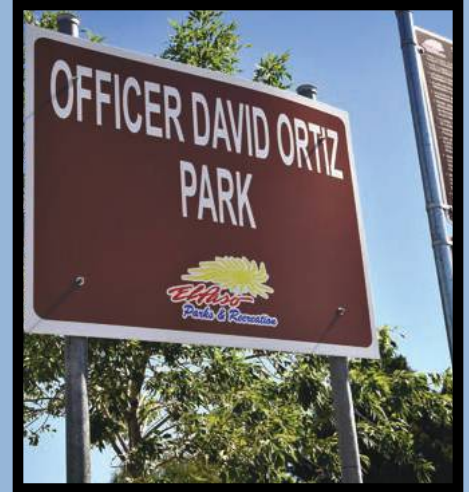
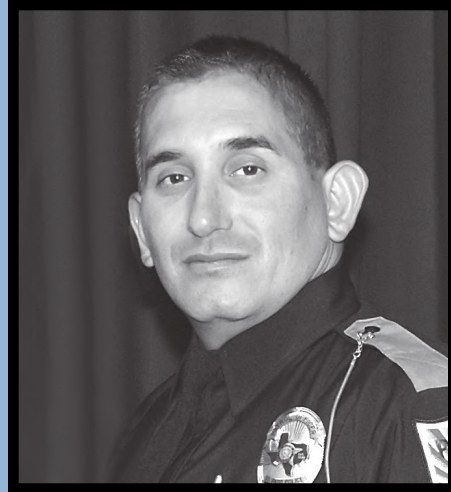
<b>National</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>El Paso</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Data retrieved from <https://www.odmp.org/search/year/2017>

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# Carolina Park Renamed after Officer Ortiz



On March 10th, 2016, Officer David Ortiz was on his police motorcycle stopped at a red light when he was hit from behind and died from his injuries. The officer's family petitioned the city to rename the park after Officer David Ortiz, and on June 14th, 2017, the park was renamed in his honor.





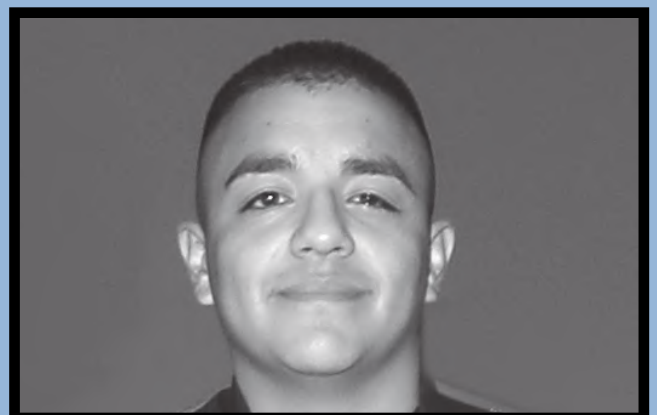
# Naming of Streets After Fallen Officers



On Sept. 25, 2012, Officer Molina was off duty when he observed three juveniles vandalizing his car. He confronted the three and identified himself as a police officer. As he spoke to them, one of the juveniles punched him, knocking him to the ground. The teen continued to beat him even after knocking him unconscious. Officer Molina eventually died from his injuries.

On December 16, 2012, Officer Angel Garcia was struck and killed by an automobile on I-10 while clearing a ladder out of the roadway.

Both Officers were U.S. Marines before joining the El Paso Police Department. Two streets were named in honor of Officers Jonathan K. Molina and Angel D. Garcia. The new streets are located in the Tierra Del Este subdivision in Far East El Paso.



# Remembering



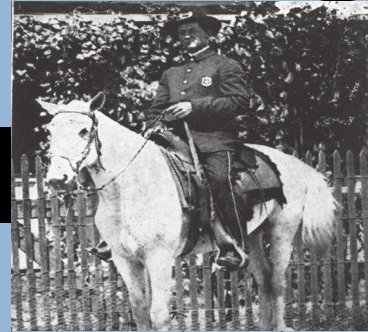
Thomas Moad  
Asst. City Marshal  
July 11, 1883



Newton Stewart  
Officer  
Feb 17, 1900



William Paschal  
Officer  
Dec 4, 1914



Gus Chitwood  
Officer  
Feb 13, 1915



Harry Phoenix  
Captain  
June 13, 1921



Frank Burns  
Detective  
April 12, 1923



Enrique Rivera  
Special Officer  
Nov 25, 1923



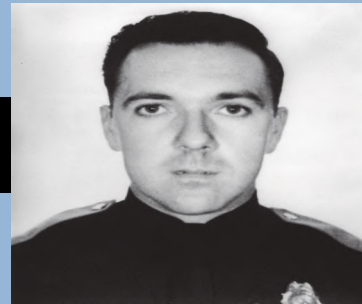
John J. Coleman  
Detective  
July 14, 1924



Guillermo Sanchez  
Detective  
Dec 14, 1957



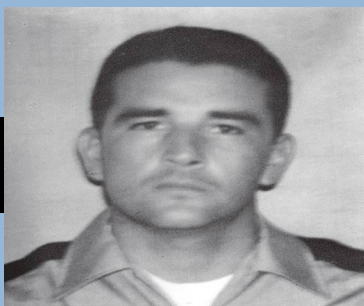
Arthur Lavender  
Officer  
Dec 16, 1966



Roger Hamilton  
Officer  
June 21, 1970



Guy Myers  
Officer  
July 24, 1970



Ernesto Serna  
Officer  
Nov 12, 1991



A. Andrew Barcena  
Officer  
Sept 25, 2004



Karl McDonough  
Officer  
Oct 13, 2010



Jonathan K. Molina  
Officer  
Oct 5, 2012



# Our Fallen



Sydney J. Benson  
Officer  
June 28, 1917



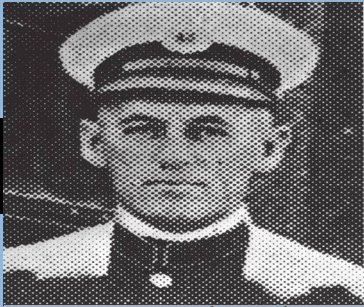
Juan N. Garcia , Jr.  
Special Police Agent  
Feb 1, 1918



Octaviano Perea  
Officer  
Feb 2, 1918



George F. Drake  
Officer  
Sept. 22, 1918



Lynn McClintock  
Officer  
Oct 2, 1926



Schuyler C. Houston  
Captain  
Oct 4, 1927



Ralph Marmolejo  
Detective  
Mar 17, 1951



Warren Mitchell  
Officer  
May 16, 1953



David Bannister  
Officer  
June 3, 1974



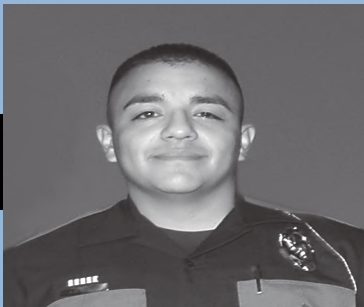
Wayne Carreon  
Officer  
June 27, 1980



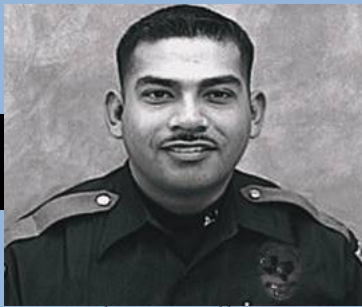
Charles Heinrich  
Detective  
Aug 29, 1985



Norman Montion  
Detective  
Oct 16, 1989



Angel D. Garcia  
Officer  
Dec 16, 2012



Adrian Arellano  
Officer  
Mar 18, 2015



David Ortiz  
Officer  
March 14, 2016

*"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." —Aristotle Onassis*

# Stand with Law Enforcement in Texas

To mark the one-year anniversary of the attack on Dallas law enforcement, and in honor of all peace officers across Texas, Governor Greg Abbott issued a statewide call to stand with law enforcement in Texas. The officers killed in the Dallas shooting included Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, Officer Michael Krol, Sgt. Michael Smith, Officer Patrick Zamarripa and Officer Brent Thompson. Governor Abbott asked Texas law enforcement officers to turn on their red and blue lights for one-minute on Friday, July 7th, 2017.



## Other Fallen Officers



El Paso Native, Police Officer Floyd East was shot and killed inside of the Texas Tech University Police Department October 9, 2017. EPPD Officers helped escort the U.S. Honor Flag, coming from Idaho to El Paso, TX in honor of slain Texas Tech Officer.

## 2017 Texas Fallen Officers

**Police Officer**  
**Keneth Malcolm Copeland**  
San Marcos Police Department

**Deputy Constable**  
**Mark Gregory Diebold**  
Tarrant County Constable's Office

**Police Officer**  
**Miguel Moreno, III**  
San Antonio Police Department

**Trooper**  
**Damon Charles Allen**  
Texas Highway Patrol

**Sergeant**  
**Steve Albert Perez**  
Houston Police Department

**Corrections Officer**  
**Shana Renee Tedder**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**Border Patrol Agent**  
**Rogelio Martinez**  
United States Department of Homeland

**Corporal**  
**Monty Dale Platt**  
West Texas A&M University Police  
Department

**Border Patrol Agent**  
**Isaac Morales**  
United States Department of Homeland  
Security

**Senior Trooper**  
**Thomas Patrick Nipper**  
Texas Department of Public Safety

**Detective**  
**Elise Ann Ybarra**  
Abilene Police Department

**Assistant Chief Deputy**  
**Clinton Francis Greenwood**  
Harris County

**Police Officer**  
**Floyd East, Jr.**  
Texas Tech University Police Department

**Deputy Sheriff**  
**Jason Matthew Fann**  
Yoakum County Sheriff's Office

**Detective**  
**Jerry Ronald Walker**  
Little Elm Police Department

**Police Officer**  
**Elias Martinez, Jr.**  
Metropolitan Transit Authority Police



# Memorial Trek Riders

EPPD Officers joined the Memorial Trek Riders as they rode in remembrance of fallen law enforcement officers from various agencies across Texas. The Memorial Trek Riders have been bike riding across the state in honor of fallen officers since 1993. The mission of the Memorial Trek Riders is to bring attention to the sacrifice that each officer makes each day for their community and the State of Texas. The Ortiz family received the ceremonial memorial flag presented by the Bike Trek Riders.



# 2017 Retirements

“Once the badge goes on, it never comes off, whether they can see it, or not. It fuses to the soul ...” In 2017, the El Paso Police Department, bid farewell to 25 sworn personnel, to include one Assistant Chief, two Lieutenants, seven Detectives, five Sergeants, and ten Officers. We also had seven Civilian Personnel retire. Although these individuals will be greatly missed, the EPPD wishes them good luck on their future endeavors.

SWORN	YEARS OF SERVICE	CIVILIAN	YEARS OF SERVICE
OFFICER RODRIGUEZ, JESUS	38	MANUEL MUNOZ	39
SERGEANT RIVERA, RICARDO	29	MARTIN AGUILAR	31
ASSISTANCE CHIEF GARDNER, MICHELLE	29	TERESA SALAS	25
LIEUTENANT OLSEN, WARREN	27	CRUZ VALLES	22
DETECTIVE SANCHEZ, RAMON	26	STEVEN HOLGUIN	15
OFFICER DOMINGUEZ, LAWRENCE	26	RICHARD CROWE	14
OFFICER OJEDA, ARNULFO	25	LESLIE CANADA	9
OFFICER BAEZA, ROBERT	25		
DETECTIVE SALAZAR, RICARDO	25		
OFFICER AMAYA, EDMUNDO	24		
DETECTIVE GRIFFITH, SAMANTHA	24		
SERGEANT DENIO, CHARLES	24		
DETECTIVE ORDAZ, JULIO	24		
LIEUTENANT GOMEZ, DAVID	23		
SERGEANT CLARK, DARRYN	23		
DETECTIVE MONTES, JOSE	23		
OFFICER SANCHEZ, SALVADOR	22		
SERGEANT OLSEN, ESTHER	22		
OFFICER ELLINGSON, DANA	22		
OFFICER OLIVARES, PETER	21		
DETECTIVE RETA, JUAN	21		
SERGEANT COX, DAVID	20		
OFFICER CORONA, MARIA	20		
DETECTIVE WESTPHAL, MELODY	12		
OFFICER DRUMMOND, JEFFREY	10		

*“Choose a work that you love and you won’t have to work another day.” – Confucius*



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